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## Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) – Strategic Plan Subcommittee

**Monday, January 26, 2015  
9:00 am – Until adjourned**

**Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:**

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*Meeting was called to order at 9:02a by Subcommittee Co-Chair, Marka Turner.*

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Introductions were made by all participants of teleconference.

The following subcommittee members were present: Betsy Aiello, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Kelly Marschall, Michael McMahon, Ellen Richardson-Adams, John Schmidt, and Marka Turner.

The following subcommittee members were absent: Greg Cox, Tony Ramirez, Kelly Robson, Kathleen Sandoval, and Tyrone Thompson.

The following members of the public were present: Phyllis Hargrove and Sarah Yeats-Patrick.

### **II. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**III. Review of Meeting Minutes (01/12/2015)**

**For Possible Action**

Minutes were reviewed by subcommittee.

*Ellen Richardson-Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Schmidt seconded the motion. Betsy Aiello abstained from voting on the motion. The remaining subcommittee members approved the motion.*

**IV. Addition of New Subcommittee Members**

**For Possible Action**

Discussed replacing Director Cox with John Collins due to upcoming session commitments. This will ensure a representative from Department of Corrections is present for all meetings.

*Michael McMahon made a motion to allow John Collins to participate as a member of this subcommittee and representative of the Department of Corrections. Ellen Richardson-Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**V. Review Needs Assessment Data**

**For Possible Action**

Discussed under Review Critical/Strategic Issues section.

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**For Possible Action**

Betsy Aiello suggested adding definitions to the glossary for the various housing vouchers available (page 9). John Schmidt noticed typo listing “statutes” as “statues” (page 13).

Based on recommendations from the Council, the subcommittee has decided to focus on the following issues as a starting point:

- 1. Youth & Family Homelessness – Prevention & Intervention:** Michele Fuller-Hallauer noticed no information was listed on Pregnant & Parenting Young Adult and Male Single-Parent populations.
- 2. Education & Workforce Development:** Michael McMahon suggested including a Financial Literacy section.
- 3. Housing**
- 4. Wraparound Services:** John Schmidt suggested rearranging this section so that the first paragraph in moved further down near the SSI paragraph. Ellen Richardson-Adams suggested adding a paragraph related to the lack of case managers and wraparound services and providers for specialty populations (i.e., single male parents, LGBTQ population, and lack of facilities that assist in keeping families intact)
- 5. Coordination of Mental & Medical Health**
- 6. Long-Term Planning:** John Schmidt suggested making this the last listed critical issue.
- 7. Policies:** Will include information on earning a livable wage in the community in which the individual resides as well as the impact of an individual’s immigration status.
- 8. Coordination of Data & Resources**

All topics listed above were discussed and Strategic Plan will be revised to reflect suggestions. Critical issues will be presented to the Council as a Power Point presentation.

**VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting and Potential Additional Meeting Dates For Possible Action**

Needs Assessment Data and Review Critical/Strategic Issues to remain on next meeting's agenda. Will have the revised Critical Issues matrix as well as the revised Strategic Plan for review at next meeting. Next scheduled subcommittee meeting dates are February 9, 2015 at 9a and February 23, 2015 at 9a.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Phyllis Hargrove from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) submitted the following comment electronically:

*"I wanted to make a comment on the subject of affordable housing but can't stay until the public comment period. There are a variety of types of affordable housing, Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8 which is currently unavailable for new enrollees), public housing, tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) as well as others. TBRA works well with housing first because the program gets homeless persons into permanent housing quickly and is usually set up to include case management. The case management would fall under the category of wraparound services. Nevada has always tended to provide more transitional housing than permanent. If we are looking at educating and encouraging policy change, then I think TBRA should get more priority. Policies related to the program design and funding could truly make a difference in quickly reducing the rate of homelessness. I will be glad to provide more comments."*

Comment forwarded to Kelly Marschall for integration into the Glossary and possibly Strategic Plan.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41a.